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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Charles A. Suffrins came from Ohio to Indianapolis when he was nine years old. He was a newspaper man, artist, and owner of a job printing shop. His son Herbert L. Suffrins, who was living at 5347 College Avenue when his father died on March 21, 1931, donated his father's papers to the Indiana State Library.

Scope and Contents

Charles A. Suffrins wrote his memoirs in pencil on ten sheets of paper, which are difficult to read. However, much of the information is in the *Indianapolis Sunday Star* article dated April 26, 1931, entitled "Kaleidoscope of State History Found In Notes of Late Charles A. Suffrins." This article is the last item in the collection. Charles worked for the *Indianapolis Journal*, edited by Harry Stewart New (1858-1937), with whom he corresponded. Among the letters are ones by two presidents. Benjamin Harrison wrote to Mrs. N. M. Suffrins, Muncie, Indiana, on March 12, 1887, when he was a partner in the law firm of Harrison, Miller and Elam, regarding a pension. Herbert Hoover wrote to Mr. C. A. Suffrins, 3248 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis, on January 19, 1929, thanking him for his suggestion and writing "I shall give it careful consideration." Harry S. New wrote to Charles five times in 1926, 1928, 1929, and twice in 1930. Mr. New, U.S. Senator and Postmaster General, thanked Mr. Suffrins for letting him know about the death of friends, such as Frank Eckert and George Diller. Mr. New mentioned the Bowen-Merrill fire during which he helped to rescue men on St. Patrick's Day, 1890. There is a pink pledge card from the National Christian Temperance Union signed by Harry E. Crossfield, whom Charles helped to reform in Muncie, Indiana. Harry S. New sent a telegram from Bethesda, Maryland, on March 22, 1931, to Herbert L. Suffrins, stating: "Deeply regret news of your father's death. We were friends of many years. I shall miss him. Please accept my sympathy."

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Personal Name(s)

- Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901
- Hoover, Herbert Clark, 1874-1964
- New, Harry S. (Harry Stewart), 1858-1937